



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

JASON O'NEIL, R.N.
License # NR 15721600

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On or about June 6, 2014, a letter was sent to respondent on behalf of the Board, asking for information concerning an arrest on May 15, 2014 on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Respondent had also been asked to provide documentation of completion of all nursing continuing education completed within the last three years.
3. The letter was sent to respondent at his address of record by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

4. On respondent's 2014 renewal application, respondent indicated that he would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2011-May 31, 2013 renewal period by May 31, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiry and/or to provide the Board with a valid mailing address constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's failure to provide the Board with documentation of completion of required continuing education is interpreted as a failure to timely complete continuing education in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

3. Respondent's indication on his 2013 renewal application that he would have completed all required continuing education by May 31, 2013, is interpreted as misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

4. In light of respondent's arrest on May 15, 2014, respondent is subject pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f), as a condition for continued licensure or reinstatement, to submit to evaluation and monitoring to evaluate whether her continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on October 27, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a total of \$750.00 in civil penalties. A copy of the Order was served upon the respondent by certified and regular mail at his address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business

day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was returned, marked as "unclaimed." The regular mailing of the order was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter, and determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 11th day of February, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until he has provided the Board with a valid mailing address, and until he has fully responded to the request for information; and until he has documented completion of 30 contact hours of nursing continuing education to be attributed to the 2011-2013 licensing cycle; and until he has undergone evaluation and monitoring under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), and RAMP indicates that he is fit and competent to practice.

2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

3. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, as well as a \$250 civil penalty for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, for a total penalty amount of \$750. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, within 21 days of the filing of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President